

## CONCERNING CANADIAN MEETING OF THE COMMON- WEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

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Mr. GREEN, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. Con. Res. 86 and S. Res. 341]

The Committee on Foreign Relations, having had under consideration Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 and Senate Resolution 341, relating to the next general meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to be held in Canada, reports Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 and Senate Resolution 341 without amendment, to the Senate, and recommends that they do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE RESOLUTIONS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 and Senate Resolution 341 are identical in purpose except that Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 applies to both Houses of Congress and Senate Resolution 341 only to the Senate.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 provides for the appointment, by the Vice President and the Speaker of the House, of four Members of the Senate and four Members of the House of Representatives, respectively, to attend the next general meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association to be held in Canada on the invitation of the Canadian branch of the association; the concurrent resolution further provides that expenses of the Members and any staff shall not exceed \$4,500 for each House, to be paid from the contingent fund of the House of which they are Members.

Senate Resolution 341 provides for the appointment of four Members of the Senate only, and limits their expenses and those of their staff similarly to \$4,500.

## PRECEDENTS

Representatives of the United States Congress attended meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association held in Bermuda in 1946 and 1948, and in Australia in 1950. Representatives of the legislative bodies from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and others attended those meetings. The opportunity to discuss mutual problems proved extremely helpful to the representatives from the various countries.

The two resolutions here under consideration are similar to those passed by the three previous Congresses to authorize attendance at the association's meeting.

## COMMITTEE ACTION

Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 and Senate Resolution 341 were introduced by Senator Green and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations on June 26, 1952. On June 27, 1952, the committee considered these resolutions and voted, without objection, to report them favorably to the Senate.

The committee believes that the meetings of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association have promoted friendly, helpful understanding among nations represented and therefore urges Senate approval of Senate Concurrent Resolution 86 and Senate Resolution 341.

